

City of Detroit
Department of Recreation Performance Audit
Exhibit 3 – River Rouge Park

Overall Evaluation – Fair Condition

- Generally, grass within the park was a reasonable length and suitable for play.
- Some trash was noted but not a significant amount.
- Most playground areas had old equipment with chipped, peeling paint and no shock absorbent surfaces. On average, one swing per swing set was broken.
- Basketball courts were poorly maintained with one of three courts usable. Areas surrounding the courts were uneven.
- Baseball fields were poorly maintained with one of four fields unusable. The other three fields had hard playing surfaces, grass growing in the infield and no protective fencing for the players' benches.
- Tennis courts were in good condition with all nine courts usable. Surfaces were smooth and nicely painted with nets in all courts.
- Shelters were in fair condition with both needing repair. The larger shelter needed fresh paint while the other smaller shelter needed the roof repaired.
- Comfort stations were in poor condition with three of the four either locked or boarded up. The open comfort station had deteriorating tile around the stool and urinals.
- Brennan pool was in good condition with the pool deck and diving boards in good condition.



General appearance of the park.

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Playgrounds

Overall Evaluation — Fair Condition

- Some trash, but not a significant amount.
- Grass was a reasonable length and suitable for play.
- With the exception of two large playscapes, equipment was old with chipped and peeling paint.
- There were 25 swing sets which hold at least 75 swings in total, 25 swings were broken.
- Three swing sets, a large playscape and one climbing structure did have shock absorbent surfacing, however other sets did not.



Swing set with two broken swings, chipped and peeling paint and no shock absorbent surface. Grass was a reasonable height for play.

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Nice playscape with safety surface beneath and around.



A very worn camel with chipped and peeling paint and no safety surface around.